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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: PETIARD et al.

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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE  
GENETIC MATERIAL OF COCOA IN  
FERMENTED OR ROASTED BEANS AND  
CHOCOLATE

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-4022

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of the above-identified application prior to the examination thereof.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the title with the following title:

**--METHOD OF DETERMINING THE GENETIC MATERIAL OF COCOA IN  
FERMENTED OR ROASTED BEANS AND CHOCOLATE--.**

Please insert after the title on page 1 the following:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation of the U.S. National Stage designation of International application PCT/EP99/08268 filed October 29, 1999, the content of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference thereto.--

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.**

Please insert on page 1 after the first paragraph the following heading:

**--BACKGROUND ART--.**